

Minutes

Governor's Commission on Senior Services

October 21, 2004

Keizer, Oregon

Members: Dolores Hubert, Chair; Tim Malone, Vice Chair; Elaine Barrett; Don Butsch; Estill Deitz; Eunice Dutton; Jack Ewing; Chris Flammang; Mary Harvey; John Helm; Marilyn Hinds; Charles Kurtz; Bob Lawrence; Linda Miller; Barbara Nelson; Ed Payton; Dolores Raymond; Marjorie Reuling; Remona Simpson; and Maria Smith

Excused: Ham Jackson; Kay Kirkbride; and Jack Roberts

Guests: John Brenne and Ruth Shepherd

Staff: Jane-ellen Weidanz and Kim Hector

Called Meeting to Order

Approved September 2004 Minutes.

General Issues Committee Update

Eunice Dutton gave updates on the End-of-Life Resource Guide, ID Theft poster, disaster preparedness, transportation, ID Theft law and low-income housing. The meeting resulted in the following motion:

Motion: Authorize John Brenne to write articles for the Local Focus and to include articles in the Oregon Association of Counties newsletter if accepted. GCSS will suggest the subject matter. (Eunice Dutton) *Passed*

Legislative Advocacy Committee Update

Bob Lawrence gave updates on Advocacy Day at the Capitol, the budget and legislative priorities. He also gave an update regarding a visit by John Mullin, Director of Clackamas County Social Services, who discussed the Clackamas County Veterans' Program. The meeting resulted in the following motion:

MOTION: Assign Jane-ellen to work with Jacqueline Zimmer-Jones from O4AD on the Advocacy Day to protect frail seniors and people with disabilities. (Bob Lawrence) *Passed*

Health, Abuse and Long-Term Care Committee Update

Estill Deitz gave updates on the RCF Rules workgroup, the committee work plan and potential abuse legislation. He also gave updates on visits by Tina Kitchin, SPD, regarding MMA and OHP, Morgen Brodie, SPD, regarding adult protective services systems, and Mickey Tate, SPD, and Megan Hornby, SPD regarding adult foster homes. The meeting resulted in the following motions:

MOTION: Send a letter from the Commission to James Toews expressing concerns about meetings between SPD and the provider groups on the RCF rules, which exclude GCSS and others. (Estill Deitz) *Passed*

MOTION: Prioritize Adult Protective Service, Respite, and Adult Foster Home issues for the next few months. After the session we will address Planning for the Future and Wellness issues. (Estill Deitz) *Passed*

MOTION: Commission accepts the revised work-plan. (Estill Deitz) *Passed*

Mental Health and Addictions Committee Update

Tim Malone gave an update regarding PAMAC, the potential work plan changes and ideas, and Evidenced Base Practices. The meeting resulted in the following motion:

MOTION: Commission accepts the revised work-plan. (Tim Malone) *Passed*

Executive Committee Update

Dolores Hubert gave an update on topics discussed at the Executive Committee's October meeting.

Eligibility and Oregon's Long-Term Care Training, Dale Marande, SPD

Dale gave a training regarding Medicare eligibility requirements including General Assistance (GA), the Oregon Supplemental Income Program (OSIP), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and the Employed Persons with Disabilities programs (EPD).

Seniors and People with Disabilities Update, Cathy Cooper, SPD

Cathy commended and thanked the committee for the Annual Celebration, the End-of-Life brochure and all the Commission's work.. She discussed how SPD is currently going through its rebalance process and how the Governor has put all agencies budgets on his web page with his top six principles. She briefly discussed the six principles and how the commission can help by reviewing the web page and adding their comments.

Commission Schedule

The commission discussed three different proposals regarding the committee meeting schedules. It was voted to stay on the same schedule.

Staff Lunches

Staff lunches were discussed, which resulted in the following motion:

MOTION: The Commission will contribute to the Governor's Commission Sunshine Fund to pay for Jane-ellen's and Sherry's lunches. (Marilyn Hinds) *Passed*

◆ *The Sunshine Fund is a voluntary fund made of Commission Member donations.*

Advocacy Training

Jane-ellen reviewed a "Do's and Don't" worksheet regarding advocacy training.

Legislative Priority Worksheet

We reviewed the legislative priority worksheet that the Legislative Advocacy Committee voted on. The Full Commission discussed how the votes fell. We discussed specific priorities more in-depth, clarified concerns and answered questions. The top six legislative priorities are the SPD Budget; Mental Health; Abuse and APS; OPI; OHP; and Family Caregiver support. The discussion resulted in the following motion:

MOTION: Accept the six legislative priorities as our focus during the next legislative session. (Bob Lawrence) Passed

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Make revisions to the Health, Abuse and Long-Term Care Committees work-plan.	Sherry	12/31/04
Make revisions to the Mental Health and Addictions Committees work-plan.	Sherry	12/31/04
Prepare priority issues for Advocacy Summit	Jane-ellen	11/8/04